

**MINUTES OF THE
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 15 , 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W025 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Carlene M. Walker, Senate Chair
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. VanTassell
Rep. Ben C. Ferry
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Brian P. Monson
Rep. Paul A. Neuenschwander

Members Excused:

Rep. Todd E. Kiser, House Chair
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. LaWanna Lou Shurtliff

Staff Present:

Mr. Leif G. Elder, Policy Analyst
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Mayne and Rep. Menlove were absent for the vote.

2. 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Amendments to Driver License Sanction Requirements"

Rep. Greenwood introduced the issue and discussed the provisions of the draft legislation, which was distributed in the mailing packet.

Ms. Jill Laws, Bureau Chief, Driver License Division, responded to questions about the draft.

MOTION: Rep. Greenwood moved to recommend 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Amendments to Driver License Sanction Requirements" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Mayne and Rep. Menlove were absent for the vote.

3. Motorcycle Restrictions

Rep. Ferry asked the Committee to consider whether the motorcycle restrictions related to "R708-10 Classified License System," which was distributed in the mailing packet, should be left in rule or established in statute.

Ms. Nannette Rolfe, Director, Driver License Division, discussed the additions to the rule, and the positive affect the changes seem to be having on public safety as people applying for licensing are better prepared to take the necessary tests and operate larger motorcycles on Utah roads.

MOTION: Rep. Ferry moved that the Committee allow the additions to "R708-10 Classified License System" to remain in rule for one year, and then revisit the issue. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Van Tassell, Rep. Greenwood, and Rep. Menlove were absent for the vote.

4. Annual State Highway System Changes

Ms. Linda Hull, Director, Legislative and Government Affairs, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), distributed and reviewed "Additions To or Deletions From the State Highway System Annual Report to the Transportation Interim Committee" and "Proposed Additions To or Deletions From the State Highway System Annual Report to the Transportation Interim Committee."

MOTION: Rep. Holdaway moved that the Committee direct staff to draft legislation that includes the changes requested for the state highway system. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Van Tassell, Rep. Ferry, and Rep. Greenwood were absent for the vote.

5. 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Commercial Motor Vehicle Legislation"

Ms. Halverson distributed 2009 General Session, "Commercial Motor Vehicle Amendments."

Mr. Richard Clasby, Director, Motor Carrier Division, UDOT, commented on the provisions in the bill and answered committee members' questions.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to recommend 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Commercial Motor Vehicle Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed with Rep. Ferry and Rep. Menlove voting in opposition. Rep. Greenwood was absent for the vote.

6. Transit Issues

Rep. Harper introduced the issue.

Mr. Bruce Jones, Legal Counsel, and Mr. Jerry Benson, Chief Operating Officer, Utah Transit Authority, distributed and presented "Transportation and Air Quality." Mr. Jones reported on the discussions that involved several groups in Utah who are working together to reduce air pollution. He said the most promising solutions will be found through collaborative efforts of many groups.

Mr. Benson proposed that the groups working together continue to consider topics and come up with a plan which will then be presented to the Transportation Interim Committee in the summer of 2009.

Committee discussion followed and Mr. Jones and Mr. Benson responded to committee members' questions.

7. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Greenwood, Rep. Holdaway, Rep. King, and Rep. Last were absent for the vote.

Chair Walker adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

